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Management Platform Instrumentation

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 22, with the following amended paragraph:

--Mail handler 210 may receive an e-mail message sent by user 150. Mail handler 210 may constantly run on server 120. Thus, mail handler 210 may receive e-mail messages sent by user 150 from client 110 or another such client at any time. Decipherer 220 deciphers such an e-mail message to ascertain the nature of the service, if any, requested by user 150. Such deciphering may include parsing the e-mail message to extract specific commands issued by user 150.--

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Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 5, with the following amended paragraph:

--In an exemplary embodiment, preformatted messages may be used to exchange messages and information between client 110 and mail agent 130. Preformatted messages may include commands to execute actions, commands to enumerate status information, and commands to set various parameters, such as thresholds for different sensors embedded in a motherboard of a server.--

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

--Privilege determiner 230 determines whether user 150 is authorized to obtain a service that user 150 has requested. As such, privilege determiner 230 may first examine security credentials embodied in the e-mail message or associated with the sender of the message, authenticate the user, and verify that the user has the requisite access privilege. Privilege determiner 230 may consult an ACL that may be stored in server 120 or another such server. In view of information in the ACL, privilege determiner 230 may decide whether user 150 has the privilege required for the service.--

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

--Mail agent 130 may include encryptor/decryptor 250. Preformatted messages that may be exchanged between client 110 and mail agent 130 may be encrypted and decrypted at

source and destination, respectively. Such a security measure may ensure that a security breach does not occur if an unauthorized person attempts to monitor transmissions between user 150 and mail agent 130, or if an unauthorized user attempts to issue service requests.--

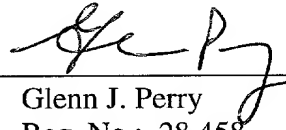
REMARKS

Consideration of the above amendments, along with an early action on the merits of this application, are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 22, with the following amended paragraph:

--Mail handler 210 may receive an e-mail message sent by user 150. Mail handler 210 may constantly run on server [320] 120. Thus, mail handler 210 may receive e-mail messages sent by user 150 from client [310] 110 or another such client at any time. Decipherer 220 deciphers such an e-mail message to ascertain the nature of the service, if any, requested by user 150. Such deciphering may include parsing the e-mail message to extract specific commands issued by user 150.--

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 5, with the following amended paragraph:

--In an exemplary embodiment, preformatted messages may be used to exchange messages and information between client [310] 110 and mail agent 130. Preformatted messages may include commands to execute actions, commands to enumerate status information, and commands to set various parameters, such as thresholds for different sensors embedded in a motherboard of a server.--

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

--Privilege determiner 230 determines whether user 150 is authorized to obtain a service that user 150 has requested. As such, privilege determiner 230 may first examine security credentials embodied in the e-mail message or associated with the sender of the message, authenticate the user, and verify that the user has the requisite access privilege.

Privilege determiner 230 may consult an ACL that may be stored in server [320] 120 or another such server. In view of information in the ACL, privilege determiner 230 may decide whether user 150 has the privilege required for the service.--

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

--Mail agent 130 may include encryptor/decryptor 250. Preformatted messages that may be exchanged between client [310] 110 and mail agent 130 may be encrypted and decrypted at source and destination, respectively. Such a security measure may ensure that a security breach does not occur if an unauthorized person attempts to monitor transmissions between user 150 and mail agent 130, or if an unauthorized user attempts to issue service requests.--